Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It is confidential.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—How is it that a matter like electrification is confidential?

Mr. President.—It is in the interests of Government not to publish it, because that report contains estimates of the costs made by a particular company. Suppose we decide to undertake the work. It is possible that we can get it down at cheaper rates. If the report is published it is possible that the contractors may quote the same figures.

Male Hospital at Mattancheri—particulars regarding.

87. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the number of beds sanctioned for the newly opened Male Hospital at Mattancheri;

(b) the dietary charges sanctioned for that institution for 1113?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—

(a) There is accommodation for about 110 patients.

(b) This has not been separately worked out yet. It can be done only after the budget is finally passed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether in preparing the Budget the Government of Cochin have made provision for dietary charges without having an idea as to the number of patients that you have to feed?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—We are only making an approximate provision.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Sir, in the absence of the Hon'ble Member representing Medicine I refuse to put supplementary questions.

88. Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri South).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Mattancheri Male Hospital will be opened;

(b) whether arrangements have been made for electric lighting and water pipe connections;

(c) will the Government be pleased to order the enclosing of the Hospital premises with a compound wall?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) It is hoped that it will be possible to open the male Hospital early in 1113.

(b) Yes.

(c) It is not possible to construct a compound wall now. A wire fencing has been ordered to be put up.

89. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan** *(Mattancheri North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how long it will take for the Male Hospital at Mattancheri to admit in-patients ;

(b) what progress has so far been made in the construction of the above building?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—

(a) In-patients will be admitted from early next year.

(b) The construction of the building is over.

90. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder** *(Jews Special).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Male Hospital in Mattancheri will be thrown open to the public in 1113 ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*— Yes.

Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—Is not the absence of a compound wall causing inconvenience to the people?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—As a matter of fact it will be done in course of time.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*— What is the cost?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*— Rs. 10,000.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special).*—When do you propose to construct this componnd wall?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*— When funds are available.

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